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PICKINGS IN LONDON
DRAW AMERICAN CROOKS

Underworlds of New York, Chicago and San Francisco Largely Represented.

MANY WOMEN AMONG THEM

Despite Scotland Yard's Activities All Sorts of New and Old "Phony" Games Are Being Worked.

[By Cable to The Tribune.] London, June 21.—London is not so full this season of American tourists, but certain strata of society on the other side of the Atlantic evidently expected there would be a big influx of the New York, Chicago and San Francisco underworlds in the last three weeks in the British capital.

London has long been infested with European gamblers and their fascinating women companions. Continental figures have long been prominent in the night clubs and other unsavory West End resorts, but now quick-witted American crooks of both sexes are working in stiff competition with the other talent, principally French and Austrian. Well dressed men who work just within the edge of the law in big American cities have been seen in some of the most popular West End hotels, mingling freely with the guests.

One day last month, when one of New York's best advertised detectives walked into the bar of a certain hotel, nine men lounged slowly but none the less certainly out to the thoroughfare and were immediately lost in the crowd.

Despite the efforts of Scotland Yard, which is wonderfully efficient and equipped with almost marvellous knowledge of international sharpshooting, all sorts of "phony" games are being worked. Even the "sick engineer" and the "Spanish prisoner" are being dragged out and polished up for use.

American women with police records have been noticed in many unexpected places, notably at the fashionable races, this year. The "panel game" is said to have been worked on a rich Australian to the extent of \$25,000 in a flat near Leicester Square last week.

Not only the higher grade of American specialists in crime is now represented in London, but some of the crudest methods. A well known Chicago man, who came over three weeks ago, said:

"I never saw so many people who looked like 'leggs' on one boat before. Every night the smoking room seemed populated with 'stick-up' guys. They even had the regular transatlantic gamblers and other deep sea fishermen frightened."

Scotland Yard is said to be watching three houses in Bloomsbury, a section once rigidly decorous, but now fast falling into decay. A band of "mobmen," as second story workers and safe blowers are called here, has been getting some good hauls, and its members are thought to be Americans.

A man who used to be a stoolpigeon for the Centre street headquarters, or a "copper's mark," as the English police slang has it, has been responsible for turning up eight American pickpockets and confidence men in the last ten days, with the result that they have been politely escorted to outgoing steamers for the United States or France.

SUITOR FOR PRINCESS

Patricia of Connaught Has Young and Wealthy Aspirant.

[By Cable to The Tribune.] London, June 21.—A brand new suitor for the hand of Princess Patricia of Connaught, the democratic young woman so loved on two continents, has appeared on the horizon in the person of the hereditary Grand Duke Adolphe Frederick of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, an upstanding, well-mannered, good looking young man, just four years older than the princess, and the eldest son of Queen Mary's cousin, the reigning Duke of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, one of the richest princes in Europe. But the "Princess Pat" is a trifle particular and well knows her own mind. So what the result will be—quite a question.

The matrimonial prospects of the Princess of Wales are naturally being talked about a great deal in society. The latest rumor is that the proposed sojourn in Germany may lead to a royal alliance, for the prince will visit his grand aunt, the Duchess Dowager of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, who is a dear old lady and very popular with her court neighbors, as she is constantly entertaining guests, including the young girls of other courts, one of whom might eventually, through environment and circumstances, become England's Queen.

The dowager duchess is a grandchild of George III, the Duke of Cambridge of Victorian memory being her brother, and the Duchess of Teck, mother of Queen Mary, her sister. His hostess being an English princess (she was born in Buckingham Palace in the reign of George IV), his royal highness will be sure to feel at home and not so out of sympathy with his surroundings as, according to report, was the case during his last visit to Germany.

HALF-FORGOTTEN FINANCIER.

London, June 14.—In Chancery Lane, the other day, a once well-known figure passed along quite unnoticed. He was no other than Jabez Spencer Balfour, old and none too robust, and who looked as if the world did anything but shine upon him. Not so many years ago J. Spencer Balfour was the wizard at a touch of whose wand dross turned to gold—the J. P. Morgan of the London of his day.

JANE NORIA.
Dramatic soprano, now in London, and likely to be placed under contract by Milton Aborn for America.



FASHION AT ASCOT MEET

Queen Mary in Biscuit Colored Charmeuse, with White Hat.

A FEW FREAK COSTUMES

King George, to the Dismay of Sartorial Imitators, Appears in Black Silk Hat.

[By Cable to The Tribune.] London, June 21.—The weather certainly did all it could this week to make the Ascot races a brilliant spectacle, and the women therefore brought out their very best. The last word in English dresses was on view in the paddock. There was a continued variety, for never before, it would seem, have fashions been so diversified in colors and in style.

On Cup day the Queen wore a dress that attracted much attention, a coat of biscuit colored charmeuse, the bodice of embroidered silk of a darker shade, with a cluster of white plumes and a white hat.

There were not a great many freak dresses for the Ascot royal meeting, as the Queen looks askance at startling clothes, but some weird gowns did appear all the same. One built apparently like a layer cake had for its foundation a pale pink charmeuse draped with smoke gray nylon, over which was a sublime effect in crystal net, while a tunic of pale green and cerise chiffon covered the front and back of the dress. A large hat of the palest green tulle, with tulle butterfly wings of dull brick red studded with crystals and one large deep red rose standing upon a long stem in front, was worn with this simple and modest effort of the dressmakers' art.

Almost all kinds of parasols were represented, from the size of a carriage umbrella to a postage stamp. Trimmed lace ribbons were used to shade the wonderful hats and also to knock off the gray top hats with black bands worn by the men.

The King wore one on the opening day, but to the consternation of his sartorial imitators he appeared on Thursday in an ordinary black silk hat. A London paper next day said that one well known society man whose private boast it is that he dresses like the King sent post haste to London for a black silk hat, and until its arrival, after luncheon, was little seen outside his private box.

Most of the women tied their shoes on with ankle ribbons like the Neapolitan dancers, a fact easily advertised in these days of slashed skirts. The crowd was very large all through the meet, showing that the sport of kings is still popular, though it is estimated that even the most moderate spenders get rid of about \$100 on each of the four days of the meet.

Directly the weather gets warm people begin to talk of Cows and yachting. An exceptionally good week is expected this August. The King, who takes the keenest delight in the regatta, will, it is understood, live on the royal yacht; Princess Henry of Battenberg will be at Barton Manor and have as her guest her sister, Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein.

There is no more popular figure during the island regatta week than Alfonso, and it is understood that the King of Spain and Queen Victoria are likely to take a house for the festival.

M. D.'S TO INVADE LONDON

International Medicine Congress Expects 900 Americans.

[By Cable to The Tribune.] London, June 21.—Dr. A. R. Allen, of the University of Pennsylvania, secretary of the American delegation to the International Congress of Medicine, to be held here from August 6 to 12, is now in London preparing details in connection with the arrival of physicians and surgeons from the United States.

Dr. Allen says that \$40 have already registered, and that he expects 900, headed by Dr. W. S. Thayer, of Johns Hopkins University, will attend the congress, which will have sixteen sections in various branches of medicine and surgery.

MRS. W. H. PAGE INVITED

Presence of Ambassador's Wife Awaited in London.

DUE THERE THIS WEEK

Reception on the Fourth of July May Possibly Be Held This Year at Claridge's.

[By Cable to The Tribune.] London, June 21.—Americans in London are awaiting with interest the arrival of Mrs. Walter H. Page, who is due here on June 27. Many invitations have been sent to her, but she will be unable to accept any until July 1. Participating in the season's festivities are many well known people from across the big pond. Mrs. Percy Pyne and her daughter have arrived at the Berkeley from Paris for a stay of several weeks.

Dr. and Mrs. George E. MacLean, of Washington, are here for a few weeks. Lee McClung, former Treasurer of the United States, is a visitor to London. Mr. and Mrs. Percival Roberts, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Bennett King, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. McCrady, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Potter and Edward J. Blair are among the week's arrivals at Claridge's.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Fish and Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Winston are at the Ritz. Americans at Ascot.

John D. Ryan and Murry Guggenheim, who are both at the Savoy, much enjoyed the Ascot races. Guests at the same hotel are R. and Donald Fullerton, Mrs. R. C. Stewart, Mrs. Tremper, Mrs. Bryan and Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Newberry, all of New York.

Mr. and Mrs. William Woodward have a house near Ascot. Guests at the Piccadilly include Colonel Edward M. House, Leonard Fowler, Crawford May, Robert Bradley and family and Walter Chandler.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodman Wanamaker are doing considerable entertaining at the Carlton.

Ambassador Page has put an end to the rumors that there was to be no reception in London on the Fourth of July by definitely announcing that there would be no break in the ambassadorial custom. Even if he were unable to receive his compatriots in his own residence, owing to the difficulty of securing a suitable house, he would, he said, find temporary quarters in which to entertain them.

Fourth of July Reception.

A reception will surely be held, maybe in their own home, maybe at some hotel, possibly Claridge's. The ambassador's son, Frank, has now taken up the work of looking at houses, and a lease may be signed on Monday. It is recognized that it is absolutely impossible to accommodate guests in the absurdly small and inadequate embassy in Victoria street, and the Coburg Hotel, where the ambassador is making a temporary home, is too small, besides being unsuited to a large public function intended exclusively for Americans, a sort of "old home" party as it were.

It is thought also that not holding the reception, which is always a big event here (more than five thousand guests appearing last year), would further emphasize the fact that if the government supplied ambassadors with proper homes they would be able to entertain in a style and fashion commensurate with their official standing in the eyes of the world. However, when influential Americans living in London or spending the season here were consulted they said:

"Any failure to hold the reception unfortunately would probably result in more injury to the ambassador than it would have effect on Congress. It would be better to hold it if we have to do it in the street."

It is probable that no invitations will be sent out, but that notices will be inserted in the London papers asking all Americans permanently or temporarily in London to call at the embassy and make a request for cards.

SINGERS BESIEGE ABORN

European Songsters Eager to Come to New York.

SOME CONTRACTS SIGNED

Elaborate Plans for the Coming Opera Season Under the Auspices of the City Club.

[By Cable to The Tribune.] London, June 21.—The Savoy Hotel has been besieged by male and female singers ever since Milton Aborn arrived in London last Tuesday, in order to pick out talent for the new City Club opera, to be produced at the Century Theatre next fall. So many singers sought appointments with Aborn that he was forced to hire a hall for the voice trials; but sopranos, contraltos, coloraturas and basses arrived in such rapid succession that Aborn, in desperation, enlisted the services of Daniel Mayer, the concert impresario, who assisted in the selections.

In order to stave off a Continental invasion, Aborn hurriedly announced that he would be in Paris next week with Mr. Gatti-Casazza; but French, Austrian, German and other Europeans kept flocking in and, finally, when Mr. Gatti-Casazza rushed over from Paris he threw off his coat and waded into the task of elimination.

From a bigger crowd than has besieged any manager since Oscar Hammerstein opened the London Opera House, Mr. Aborn has been able to pick out several singers so far. Thomas Chalmers, the barytone, and Ivy Scott, the Australian lyric soprano, both of whom have sung in "The Girl of the Golden West"; Walter Wheatley, the American tenor, who has sung in several performances at Covent Garden, and has been doing light opera in London three seasons; Kathleen Howard, contralto from the Grand Opera House in Prague and well known on the Continent, as well as Louise Ewell, the coloratura soprano, have signed contracts. Miss Ewell is confidently expected by Aborn to develop into one of the stars of the new aggregation. She will sing roles in thirty operas and in four languages. She has been studying in Paris for three years, but is sailing on the Mauretania on Saturday, so she can spend the summer in study before the season opens.

Mr. Aborn may also close contracts with Noria, the dramatic soprano who toured America with the Carlos Opera Company a few years ago, and with Bettina Freeman, also a dramatic soprano. The opera producer said he was very much disappointed at having been unable to secure Florence Macbeth, the St. Paul girl who was hailed after her debut, in Queen's Hall last week, as one of the most brilliant coloratura sopranos since Patti, and ranking with Tetrazzini. Miss Macbeth is under exclusive contract with Daniel Mayer, who says he will not let his wonderful new find sign any contract immediately.

The season of Russian opera and ballet to be opened at Drury Lane by Sir Joseph Beecham on Tuesday is looked forward to with great interest. "Boris Godunov," which produced such a sensation at the Metropolitan Opera House last March, as well as another Moussorgsky opera, "La Khovantchina" and "Ivan le Terrible," by Rimsky-Korsakov, will be sung by artists from the Imperial Opera at St. Petersburg, including Chaliapine, a very fine basso. Nijinsky, the European sensation, will appear with Karsavina in a number of ballets, notably, "The Faun," "Narcissus," "The Bird of Fire," "Salome" and "Scheherazade." Sir Joseph Beecham is contemplating taking the troupe to America, probably late next winter.

CYCLECARS BRITISH FAD

Little Machines Hurting American Trade Abroad.

[From a Tribune Correspondent.] London, June 14.—That wonderful and tiny creation, the cyclecar, which is well known on this side of the water yet is practically just being introduced in the United States, is said by the jealous English manufacturers to be "killing" the "Royal Automobile Club Journal" says: "Two years ago the motorist who wished to invest in something rather more advanced than the motorcycle and sidecar found that his requirements, at the price he was prepared to pay, could not be met by British manufacturers, and consequently he was forced to look elsewhere for a suitable vehicle. The introduction of the cyclecar brought about an extraordinary change in the situation, for its advent suddenly threw open a wide field of choice, in which selection might be made between a number of reliable little machines selling for appreciably less than the American cars, yet capable of taking two or, at a pinch, three passengers over an ordinary road."

"So far, then, the cyclecar has been an immense advantage to the British industry, but, although largely through its influence the tide of invasion appears to have been checked, it must not be lightly imagined that all danger is over and done with. Cyclecar makers will have to face still further reductions in the price of American cars, and the only way in which this price cutting campaign can be successfully met is by keeping down the cost of the cyclecar to the lowest possible point and by refusing to pander to the fads of those who expect the cyclecar to be equipped with every luxury and refinement of the machine selling at two or three times the price."

The cyclecar, which is nothing at all but a motorcycle engine mounted in a light body, with four bicycle wheels, yet is dependable, cheap to run and comfortable, is seen everywhere in England. Hundreds and hundreds of them speed forth in competition with the automobiles every pleasant afternoon. The average price is about \$300 or \$700.

FOR QUEEN ALEXANDRA DAY

Society Women to Sell Flowers in London Streets.

[By Cable to The Tribune.] London, June 21.—London looks back to-night on a brilliant Ascot week, and then turns its face to Ascot Sunday and to Queen Alexandra Day next Wednesday, two extremely picturesque and colorful features of the summer season. To-morrow the river will be alive with craft, for all London flocks to the Thames on the Sunday after the Ascot meeting.

Some big houses are overflowing with guests, notably the home of young Waldorf Astor, whose Pillwinkle, by the way, won one of the Ascot races in a canter. His political and other duties do not give him much leisure to be in the country, but Ascot is always an exception for him. His gardens are especially planted for this particular week and his launch makes its annual appearance in the river.

On the whole, however, the fashion of taking houses on the river for Ascot week is going out, for society is inclined to look with disapproval on the latter day influx of lovely young things who are imported from the musical comedy stage to the hitherto exclusive regions between Maidenhead and Henley, the atmosphere nowadays savoring somewhat too strongly of the most expensive scent and of that bohemianism in Paquin frocks which is rather to the fore just now.

Queen Alexandra Day, which is copied from the Italian festival of Santa Margherita, is expected to be as successful as last year, and again the streets will be filled with pretty women and girls with piled-up trays of fairy-like pink blossoms rivaling in beauty the delicate complexions of the bearers. The flowers are all made by little crippled girls. There will be a considerable change in the corps of society helpers this year, as many of the ladies who gave their services ungrudgingly for love of the Queen Mother last year were much annoyed at the way certain of their confreres (or should it be consorts?) behaved in the matter of expenses, sending claims for taxicab and railway fares, and in some cases even hotel bills. America will be represented on this year's committee by the Duchess of Marlborough and the Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava.

At least one romance resulting in a notable marriage began last Alexandra Day. Two young women outside the Ritz had been doing a roaring trade, especially the elder, a very chic American, who so attracted a young man that he returned to foray her basket time after time. About luncheon time, seeing that the lady was getting tired, he gallantly bought the rest of her wares and invited her to luncheon. The result was an engagement and a quiet wedding in New York instead of the young woman journeying to Panama to rejoin her father, Herbert G. Squiers, the American Minister here. This it is that William Drayton owes his bride to Queen Alexandra Day.

MUSIC IS ART SINCERE

Yes, but if So, Why the Craving for Press Notices?

QUERY BY DAVID MANNES

Violinist Believes Music Should Be Taught as Reading Is Taught, to Everyone.

[By Cable to The Tribune.] London, June 21.—Professionalism among musicians is severely criticised by David Mannes, the American violinist, who, with Clara Mannes, pianist, appeared for the first time outside America in London last week.

"The first thing I teach in the Music School Settlement in East 3d street, New York, of which I am the head," he says, "is that music is not a trade or a profession, but merely a means of expression. Therefore professionalism is discouraged to the majority because among a million artists there is only one great one. I don't believe there are more than twenty artists in the world to-day whom people are willing to pay to hear. Indeed, besides Caruso, Melba, Scotti, Paderewski and Kubelik, I can't think of any others immediately."

"If music is the sincerest form of art, why is it that artists all want press notices? Why do the majority stultify themselves by bending the knee? I know this idea hasn't been openly advanced, but I believe the thinking, silent world will agree with me. I know I am likely to be criticised because I say these things and at the same time give public concerts, but I say I would not give concerts if I did not have to or if I could make a living otherwise."

"No one wants to hear most people play nowadays, principally because there has been no evolution in teaching methods. Philip Bach sarcastically said, a century ago: 'If your attention is attracted by a natural playing young child, the next step to be taken is to place him under the direction of a teacher who insists on a curious separation of notes wherein one note bears no relation to another. After years of fearful self-abnegation and physical effort, he arrives at an exalted state where no one wishes to listen to him.'"

"This, unfortunately, is still true, and so something must be radically wrong with teaching methods. At our school we try to find out what a boy wants. We never had a boy refuse to practise, because he keeps changing teachers and instruments until he can finally ascertain just what was suitable for him. Our desire is to make music as common as reading and writing. A man no longer needs to be read to or written to; likewise, all should understand music."

AGAINST TAX ON BANANAS

Planters in Jamaica Fear Effect of Underwood Tariff.

Kingston, Jamaica, June 21.—Apprehension continues to prevail among banana planters here at the proposal of the Underwood tariff bill to impose a tax on bananas.

Opinions vary as to what will be the ultimate effect on Jamaica's greatest industry, but the planters are unanimous in agreeing that the tax will operate adversely on growers producing a small percentage of straight, and they predict there will be no sale for six or seven hand bunches. It is estimated that 50 per cent of the total export is represented by the latter class.



LADY DUFFERIN AND AVA.
Peeress of American birth, who will be prominent on "Queen Alexandra Day," next Wednesday.

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MORE JUNE WEDDINGS

Effie May Mackenzie, of N. Y., To Be Bride in London.

[By Cable to The Tribune.] London, June 21.—The last week in June is always an important one for weddings. Among others this year is that of Captain R. Champion de Crespigny, son of Sir Claude and Lady de Crespigny, to Miss Vere Sykes. The bridegroom is generally known about town as Crawly, in contradistinction to his brother Creeper, who committed suicide in mysterious circumstances a year or two ago.

Miss Effie May Mackenzie, of New York, is to be married next week to the Rev. Cecil Lewis.

Captain Talbot Ponsomby, well known in America and Canada while in command of the cadet ship Cornwall, on which so many of England's nobility, even princes, made their first voyage, is to wed Miss Hannah Findlay.

Sir Joseph Tichborne, one of the famous child heirs, who succeeded against the famous "Tichborne claimant," is to marry Miss Denise Greville at the Brompton Oratory.

BOSCOBEL STILL UNSOLD

Best Offer Was \$6,000 Less Than Upset Price.

[By Cable to The Tribune.] London, June 21.—Boscobel, the historic house where Charles II hid after his disastrous defeat at the Battle of Worcester, in 1651, was not sold at auction last Tuesday, as expected, because the upset price, \$82,500, was not reached. It is understood that the Penderels, descendants of the ancient servants in Boscobel who hid King Charles, wished to purchase the venerable house, paying part of the price with the pensions they receive to this day. It is said that \$76,000 was the best price offered at the sale.

Some Americans were reported to be willing to buy the old pandling and the furniture, but Canon Carr, owner of the house, refused to sell unless the house and contents were to be left intact.

The price asked for Boscobel, however, does not include the standing timber on the estate. At the last sale of the house, in 1811, the property went for \$240,000, but at that time the place included grounds far larger than at the present day.

H. G. WELLS IN PROTEST

Says Asquith Ministry Does Not Represent Liberalism.

London, June 21.—Political circles are still agog over the ministerial dealings in American Marconi stocks, in spite of the technical ending of the matter in the House of Commons.

"What strikes an everyday person of common sense and common principle," says H. G. Wells, the novelist, "is the fact that from start to finish the proceeding has moved along political lines. The Marconi committee, which investigated the charges, gave us a party verdict, thus discrediting itself. Then comes the House of Commons and gives us another exhibition of inability to act untrammelled by politics."

"I was born a Liberal, and it is the natural and prevailing faith of the mass of the English people, but I feel outraged at the behavior of the Liberal leaders—not by their petty speculations and not by any specific wrongdoings, but by their concealment of facts and general unworthiness to represent Liberalism in England."

"Booth and Falconer whitewashing the Marconi speculators is a staggering piece of party impudence and stupidity. We are sick of party trickery and dealing in tips and honors for the sake of party credit. My own recommendation is that we get the Liberal party out of office as soon as possible."

PRISON DOORS OPENED
FOR 4 SUFFRAGETTES

Hunger Strike, Begun on Tuesday Last, Is Quickly Crowned with Success.

MISS ANNIE KENNEY FREED

Militant, After Hurling Brick Through Window at Scotland Yard Police Headquarters Gets Three Weeks.

London, June 21.—Ill health, brought about by "hunger striking," opened the prison doors to-day to four of the six officials of the Women's Social and Political Union, the militant suffragette organization, who were sentenced on Tuesday last to varying terms of imprisonment for conspiracy to commit malicious damage to property.

The women, who were released on license, were Miss Annie Kenney, who superintended the organization of the Women's Social and Political Union; Mrs. Rachel Barrett, assistant editor of "The Suffragette"; Miss Agnes Lake, business manager of the militants' organ, and Miss Laura Geraldine Lennox, a sub-editor.

Miss Kenney was serving a term of eighteen months' imprisonment, Mrs. Barrett nine months, and Miss Lake and Miss Lennox six months each, all at hard labor. The prisoners declared when sentence was pronounced that they would refuse to eat and would compel the prison authorities to release them.

Two Committed for Trial

The two militant suffragettes, Kitty Marion and Clara Elizabeth Givens, who were charged on suspicion of having set fire to the stands on the Epsom Park racecourse on June 9 and of causing damage amounting to \$70,000, were to-day committed for trial at the Assizes.

Gertrude Shaw, a militant suffragette, hurled a brick through a window of the Scotland Yard police headquarters this afternoon and subsequently was sent to prison for a term of three weeks. Miss Shaw is a member of the Women's Social and Political Union, and was one of the women who distinguished themselves in April by capturing the monument commemorating the great fire which destroyed the City of London. Her exploit of to-day, she declared, was a protest against the treatment of Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst and other suffragette prisoners.

An attempt to cause a breach in the embankment of a canal by means of an explosion of gunpowder is reported to-day from Yardley, Worcestershire, a few miles from Birmingham. Some suffrage literature was discovered in the neighborhood, and the local police regard this as proving that the militant suffragettes were responsible for the outrage.

Human Life Endangered.

The cavity caused by the explosion almost penetrated the bank of the canal, and a little more force would have released eleven miles of water and have devastated the valley below, with almost inevitable loss of life.

Militant suffragette "arson squad" were out during last night at St. Andrews, Scotland, and at Southend, on the Lower Thames, and succeeded in causing considerable damage. At St. Andrews the "fire fiends" destroyed the east wing of the Gatty Marine Laboratory connected with the university. Many valuable instruments, scientific materials and charts were burned to ashes. Inflammable oils and cotton wool were used to insure the brisk spread of the flames, and the local police assert that they have secured clear evidence that the outrage was the work of militant suffragettes.

The object of attack at Southend was the Church of St. John, a modern and costly edifice, completed only a year ago. The organ loft was set on fire but it soon ceased to burn, the damage caused being negligible. Cartridges, oil rags and combustibles were found scattered around and a quantity of suffrage literature was left about to show the origin of the outrage.

THE CORNWALLIS WESTS

Seen Together on Best of Terms at Recent First Night.

[By Cable to The Tribune.] London, June 21.—It seems very likely that the court order which granted Mrs. Cornwallis West the restitution of her conjugal rights will be effective, as much to the surprise of London society, she and her husband were seen at a recent first night, sitting side by side and evidently on the best of terms.

Some wonder is expressed as to how a well known actress, whose name has been mentioned in connection with the troubles of the pair, will take this development of the case.

'PHONE ENGLISH LUXURY

Rates Three Times Greater Than Those of Continent.

[From The Tribune Correspondent.] London, June 14.—Telephoning in England is a luxury, and the country is deluged with light after many months of deluge. At least has the promise from the Postmaster General that soon he will have the question of rate revision. In London the question of rate revision is the unlimited telephone service costs \$5 per annum, while Germany charges only 45. On the Continent the rate for long distance conversation is three times less than in the British Isles. Even in Denmark charges only 27 cents for a 10-mile connection.

The unpopularity of the English service—the fact that its rates make it prohibitory to thousands of persons—is demonstrated by figures showing that only 14 in every 1,000 people use the 'phone, while in the United States 8 out of every 1,000 are telephone users. Canada's rate is 37, Denmark's 26 and Sweden's 34.